

FOOTSTEPS WALKING CLUB of AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND

the best day-walks in 20 regions

SOUTH ISLAND EXCURSIONS 2024

SOME OF THE ABSOLUTE BEST SOUTH ISLAND SHORT WALKS

TREMENDOUS TRANSALPINE: NORTH CANTERBURY: 28 JANUARY – 3 FEBRUARY 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- The beautiful parks and walkways of the Garden City (Christchurch)
- A taste of the Banks Peninsula volcanic landscapes/seascapes
- The spectacular rock formations of Castle Hill and scree slopes of Craigieburn
- Classic vistas of the central Southern Alps along the famous TranzAlpine train route
- The awesome mountain scenery of Arthur's Park National Park: kea country!
- The world-class wetlands around beautiful Lake Brunner
- The best of the Canterbury foothill forests, gorges, tussock-lands and lakes



Lake Brunner

AMAZING ALPS TO OCEAN: CENTRAL/SOUTH CANTERBURY: 4-10 February 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- NZ's largest Dark Sky Reserve and the only one in the southern hemisphere (Tekapo)
- The best of the central south tussock-lands and alpine lakes (MacKenzie Country)
- NZ's longest and largest glacier, calving into its terminus lake (Tasman)
- The unrivalled scenery around NZ's highest mountain (Mount Cook National Park)
- The power of the mighty Clutha River, harnessed at NZ's largest earth dam (Benmore)
- Film locations for *Lord of the Rings*, and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
- The unique braided rivers flowing across the patchwork plains



Sealy Tarns

SUPER SOUTHLAND (with STEWART ISLAND): 18-24 February 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- The legendary Hokonui Hills, reputed to inspire moonshine and meandering.
- The “country music capital” of New Zealand (Gore)
- An ancient fossilised forest exposed at low tide (Curio Bay)
- The most southerly point of the South Island mainland (Slope Point)
- Thoroughly impressive waterfalls in the Catlins
- Spectacular coastal scenery at Nugget Point lighthouse
- The unspoilt beauty of NZ's third-largest island (Stewart Island) (3 days)



Purakaunui Falls

FANTASTIC FIORDLAND: 25 February – 2 MARCH 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bluff, site of the famous Paua Shell House and Tiwai Point aluminium smelter
- Granite and grebes in the beautiful Borland
- The magnificent “Lord of the Rings” filming location at Mavora Lakes
- A lake saved by NZ's largest ever petition (Manapouri) and one that wasn't (Monowai)
- Some of the most glorious alpine lakes in NZ (Te Anau, Green Lake, Lake Marian)
- The magnificent Eglinton and Hollyford Valleys
- A taste of some of our best Great Walks (Routeburn and Kepler)



Lake Marion

OUTSTANDING OTAGO: 7-13 April 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- The superb seascapes and wildlife of the Otago Peninsula
- The unique tussock and tors landscape of central Otago and the Otago Rail Trail
- A stunning lake created from a goldmine, alongside a haunted hotel (St. Bathans)
- Pristine lakes that freeze in winter to become iceskating and curling venues
- New Zealand's "Edinburgh" (Dunedin), plus our hottest/coldest town (Alexandra)
- The site of NZ's first gold strike, sluicing fields, water races, diggings and relics • Awesome autumn colours throughout the entire region



Clutha River Walkway

TRIP PRICES:

6+ participants \$1100pp; 5 participants \$1200pp; 4 participants \$1300pp, 3 participants \$1400.

Includes: accommodation, transport, breakfasts, information, guiding.

Not included: airfares, lunches and dinners.

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